World Sanskrit Conference

1472. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASKANT: SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a World Sanskrit Conference is held in different countries after ev five years; and

(b) what help Government provL to the Indian scholars represent ee country at the World Sans- Conferences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The World Sanskrit Conferences are held in different countries with the interval of two or three years.

(b) The Government of Indian spon- a delegation consisting of pro- i minent Sanskrit scholars to partici- a in it and full expenditure is by the Government.

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1473. DR. G. VTJAYA MOHAN ODY: Will the Minister of REALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Governmnt are aware that Indian Red Cross Society is not functioning properly and there are reports of corruption and nepotism find what is the method of appoint ing the managing body of the Indian Red Cross;

(b) whether Government propose to take any steps to improve the flatters; and

fc) if so, what are the details retif?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARJ SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) According t_0 the Indian Red Cross Society Act, the Managing Body of the Society sh?U consist of a Chair- man to be nominated by the President and 20 members of whom:—

(A) Twenty shall be Vice Presidents elected by Branch Committees of 20 States;

(iil Six shall be nominated by the President;

(iii) Three shall be elected by the Managing Body at its ordinary meeting held immediately pro coding the Annual General Meeting-two of whom shall be from such active Union Territory Branches as may be decided by the Managing ■ and one member elected by it ps the TTonoi- ar'f Legal Adviser. Government have seen news papers reports alleging irregularities in the functioning of the Indian Red $Cres_s$ Society.

The Indian Red Crass Society and its Managiijg Body are competent authorities to manage the affairs of the Indian Red Cross Society.

Abortion of Female Ftoetwses

1474. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether in the name of de tecting genetic sbnc rmalities, certain c'inic are taking resource to abort ing female foetuses; and

(b) if so, whether Government have anv statistics in this regard and what effective steps the Government propose to take to put an end to thi_s practice and punieh the guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI